



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**  
APRIL 2005

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem, and finding a solution depends upon the involvement of people within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 6,900 children are reported abused and neglected in this state each year; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the county social service agencies, public and private schools, the medical communities, religious and civic organizations, the legislative bodies of the state, law enforcement and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens share the responsibility of raising the awareness of and preventing child abuse, and supporting families in their efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of North Dakota's children; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2005, **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State